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| 2. Abstract: A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 B. Other | 7 CFR 1.72. | | | | |
| 3. Amendments to the drawings: A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d). B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required. C. Other | | | | | |
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